**Avatar**: written and directed by James Cameron 2009

**Themes**

1. Morality v’s Immorality

Describe some immoral behaviour in the film…think of the military base…..( 4 examples)

Who is immoral ? Why do you think they are immoral ?

Describe some moral decision making…think of the world of the Avatars, think of Jake’s decisions…..( 4 examples)

Who is moral?

Why do you think so ?

What is the moral ( the message the producer wants to send the audience) of the story?

1. Military uses science research to gain power.

List 4 examples in the film when the military uses science or technology to gain power.

Is this moral or immoral explain why?

Is it o.k. to use science research to gain wealth for share- holders as suggested by the CEO (Parker Selfridge who is the CEO for a company that produces energy)? Explain your response.

1. Personal Journey of Growth (Jake, Grace and Neytiri)

Describe how Jake changes.

What decisions does he make to show that he can be part of the Na’vi clan?

Describe how Grace changes.

Describe how Neytiri changes.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Describe the Avatar’s values
2. Describe the Avatar’s world.
3. How do the Sky people ( humans) see the Avatars?
4. Describe the Sky people’s values ( military personnel and scientists)
5. Describe the sky people’s world.
6. How do the Avatars view the Sky people?
7. Why do you think the producer of the film makes the humans the antagonist and the Avatars the protagonist ?
8. As a member of the audience who do you identify with most. Discuss why?
9. What defines a hero for you?
10. Is Jake a hero? Explain why using some examples from the film.
11. List examples of treason or betrayal.
12. Who are the civilised people? Explain why?
13. Who are the savages in the film?
14. Draw a Venn diagram label one circle **Na’vi** the other circle **Sky people**

Here is a list of words write them in your Venn diagram…which ones fit in the overlap ?

Noble, primitive, kind, brutal, wise, sensitive, greedy, self-sacrificing, terrorists, humane, civilised, fight for wealth, fight to protect nature, humble, intelligent, savages, respect nature, spiritual, cultured, scientific, aggressive, arrogant, full of confidence, independent, tyrannical, powerful, gentle, innocent, aliens, fight until the end